GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:987
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ACCIDENT IN BAGDIGI COLLIERY
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fire accident took place in Bagdigi colliery fire years ago and the same was closed down but reopened after 2-3 years without taking proper precautions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action proposed to be taken against the responsible officials; and

(d): the details of safety measures laid down proposed to be laid down/for the safety of the coalminers in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): One District in XI/XII seam was closed due to heating and the same is not yet opened.

(b): On 28-11-1985 signs of heating was observed in stowed goaf/crushed zone of 11/12 seam north of No. 10 Pit.

(c): Nobody was found responsible, hence the question of the action proposed to be taken against the responsible officials does not arise.

(d): The following steps are being taken for safety of the coal mines in future:

(i) When there is fire in any seam, the seam is sealed off by means of fire stopping.

(ii) Adequate precautions are taken to prevent the passage of air, from any part of the mine or from the surface, into the fire area through any broken strata.

(iii) Regular inspection is being done of all the isolation and fire stopping to ascertain the condition of the stopping and atmospheric condition behind the stopping.

(iv) Surface area is being blanketed by incombustible material.